

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented). A feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) for distributing fodder and/or drink in metered portions to an animal, which feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) is provided with a feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50) for containing fodder and/or drink, an entrance opening (11, 21, 31, 41, 51) to the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50), and a feed supplying device (13, 23, 33, 43) for supplying an amount of fodder and/or drink to the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50), the feed metering device (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) being provided with a closing means (25, 30, 40, 46, 50, 55) that is movable across the entrance opening in order to deter an animal visiting the feed unit (10, 20, 30, 40, 50) from taking fodder and/or drink, characterized in that the closing means (25, 30, 40, 46, 50, 55) rotates about an axis (26, 36, 45, 57), the closing means being driven by a roll (19, 29, 39, 47, 56) that contacts the closing means, which roll (19, 29, 39, 47, 56) is driven by a motor (28, 38, 48).

Claims 2-26 (cancelled).

Claims 27-30 (new).

Claim 27 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said feed unit is movable.

Claim 28 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 27, wherein said feed unit comprises a wall portion for catching feed or drink, or both, remaining in said feed unit after said feed unit rotates about said axis.

Claim 29 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said motor is associated with measuring means for measuring the magnitude of torque on said motor during movement of said feed unit and for deducing from the magnitude of said torque as measured the weight of said fodder or drink, or both, present in said feed unit, said measuring means being integrated into a housing disposed below the entrance opening of said feed unit.

Claim 30 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said roll driven by said motor which is in contact with said feed unit comprises torque measuring means whereby from the magnitude of torque measured by said measuring means the weight of fodder or drink, or both, present in said feed unit is determined.

In the Claims:

Prior to examination of the above-identified Application, please amend the Application by canceling all claims except Claim 1 and add Claims 27-30 as new claims as set forth on page 4.